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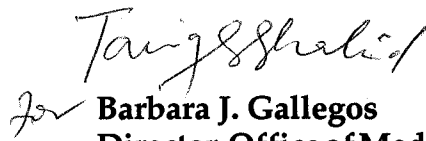
CHANGE TITLE: SKILLED NURSING FACILITY (SNF) AND OTHER
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PAGE CHANGE(S): See page 2.

SUMMARY OF CHANGE(S): This change provides SNF Prospective Payment System annual updates and other routine updates.

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

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1. Section 1 (**Network Provider Reimbursement**) adds “Note: The specific allowable amount may vary based on beneficiary status (e.g., participation in demonstration) or exact geographical location” to the end of the issuance.

CHAPTER 2

2. Addendum A (**Benefits and Beneficiary Payments Under the TRICARE Program**) adds existing birthing center, newborn care, home health care, and clinical preventive services cost-shares in the tabular form and makes minor clarifications.

CHAPTER 4

3. Section 4 (**Specific Double Coverage Actions**) provides cross reference to the TRICARE Operations Manual (TOM) with regard to the procedures to be followed for Worker’s Compensation claims and removes provisions that require claims development to be consistent with TOM.

CHAPTER 8

4. Table of Contents (**Skilled Nursing Facilities**). Edited Addenda G, H, and I’s title to specify FY2003. Added Addenda G, H, and I for FY 2004.
5. Section 2 (**Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Prospective Payment System (PPS)**) clarifies the SNF PPS related information and existing policy and updates the SNF related websites. Consistent with the preauthorization policy for the next generation of TRICARE contracts, it also removes the contractor discretionary preauthorization for SNF care.
6. Addendum E (**CMS Transmittal - HCPCS Codes for SNF Consolidated Billing**). Replaces the previous Addendum E with the revised version with the updated codes for enforcement of the SNF consolidated billing.
7. Addendum G (FY2003) (**Case-Mix Adjusted Federal Rates For SNFs - Fiscal Year 2003**) adds “FY 2003” to Addendum G.
8. Addendum G (FY2004) (**Case-Mix Adjusted Federal Rates For SNFs - Fiscal Year 2004**) adds Addendum for FY 2004 SNF rates.

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9. Addendum H (FY2003) (**Wage Indexes For Urban Areas - For SNFs - Fiscal Year 2003**) adds "FY2003" to Addendum H.
10. Addendum H (FY2004) (**Wage Indexes For Urban Areas - For SNFs - Fiscal Year 2004**) adds Addendum for FY 2004 wage indexes for SNFs for urban areas.
11. Addendum I (FY2003) (**Wage Indexes for Rural Areas - For SNFs - Fiscal Year 2003**) adds "FY 2003" to Addendum I.
12. Addendum I (FY2004) (**Wage Indexes for Rural Areas - For SNFs - Fiscal Year 2004**) adds Addendum for FY 2004 wage indexes for SNFs for rural areas.